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## **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of Claims will replace all prior versions and listings of Claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A tool for reworking a connector attached to an electronic board and having a plurality of stacked modules, said tool including first and second jaws for grasping and removing a selected one of said modules from said board, a holding structure for holding said board and movement structure for moving said jaws relative to said holding structure, at least one of said jaws adapted having a wedge shape with first and second inclined surfaces for separating a module adjacent the said selected module from the said selected module, said at least one of said jaws including a slit between said first and second inclined surfaces for receiving a corresponding lateral edge of said selected module therein, such that said selected module can be removed from said connector without damage to said modules module adjacent said selected module.

- (original) The tool according to claim 1, further including a drive structure for moving said first and second jaws between an open position and a closed position along a direction parallel to said selected module for removal.
- 3. (canceled)
- 4. (canceled)

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5. (currently amended) The tool according to claim [[4]] 1, wherein said at least one jaw of said jaws includes a bottom closed wall at one end of said slit to define a first hook for engaging said selected module to facilitate removal thereof.

- 6. (original) The tool according to claim 5, wherein the second of said jaws includes a second hook for engaging said selected module to further facilitate removal thereof.
- 7. (original) The tool according to claim 2, wherein said connector includes a longitudinal axis perpendicular to each of said stacked modules, said tool further including a second drive structure for moving said first and second jaws along a direction perpendicular to said electronic board and a third drive structure for moving said first and second jaws along a direction parallel to said longitudinal axis of said connector.
- 8. (original) The tool according to claim 7, wherein said third drive structure includes a slide having said first and second jaws and said first and second drive structures positioned thereon.
- 9. (original) The tool according to claim 8 further including a locking structure for locking said slide in a selected position.
- 10. (currently amended) The tool according to claim 1, further including a pressing member for preventing removal of said adjacent modules module adjacent said selected module during said removal of said selected module.

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(withdrawn) A method for reworking a connector attached to an electronic board and including a plurality of modules thereon, said method comprising:

engaging a selected one of said modules between a pair of jaws;

separating said selected module from a module on both opposing sides of said selected module by moving at least one of said jaws toward the other with said selected module therebetween; and

thereafter removing said selected module from said connector without damage to said modules on said opposing sides of said selected module.

- 12. (withdrawn) The method of claim 11 further including hooking said selected module by said at least one of said jaws prior to said removing.
- 13. (new) A tool for reworking a connector attached to an electronic board, said connector having a plurality of stacked modules, said plurality of stacked modules including a selected module to be removed from said electronic board and at least one of a first and a second adjacent modules respectively located on opposite sides of said selected module, said tool comprising:

a holding structure for holding said electronic board;

a jaw for receiving said selected module, said jaw including a wedge and a slit; and

a movement structure for moving said jaw relative to said holding structure, wherein said wedge separates said at least one of said first and said second adjacent modules from said selected module, with said selected module received in said slit of said jaw.

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**Amendments to the Drawings:** 

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Fig. 2b and Fig. 2c. These sheets, which

include Fig. 2b and Fig. 2c, replace the original sheet 3 including Fig. 2b and original sheet 4

including Fig. 2c. With respect to Fig. 2b, element 275 has been amended to correctly read 275a

and 275b, in accordance with the original specification. With respect to Fig. 2c, element 280a

has been amended to correctly read element 284a, in accordance with the original specification.

Attachment:

Replacement Sheets for Fig. 2b and Fig. 2c

Annotated Sheets Showing Changes for Fig. 2b and Fig. 2c